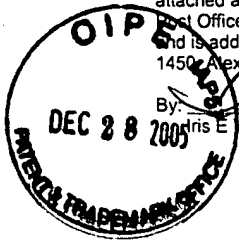


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RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

Applicant does, however, not acquiesce to the reasons set out in the Statements of Reasons for Allowance. Particularly, the Examiner has indicated that the claims are allowed by importing an interpretation into the claims in relation to the prior art that may place an unwarranted limiting interpretation upon the claims. Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art would not properly take into account

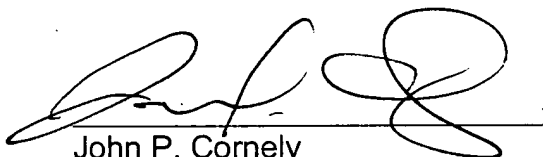
the applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the specification. Further, while applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature of the claims is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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